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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 11TH, 1910.

A PROSECUTION at Seoul last year brought prominently before the public an effort which had been made by patriotic Koreans to raise by voluntary subscriptions a fund to pay off the National Debt to Japan. A considerable sum was subscribed, but, as far as our recollection goes, it was absurdly inadequate for the purpose. The incident is recalled by recent announcements that a similar movement has been initiated in the Chihli province of China, and has been encouraged by official recognition of the prime mover, on whom some decoration has been conferred. What the precise amount of China's National Debt is we are, at the moment, unable to ascertain. Up to 1895 the Empire practically had no foreign debt. As the result of the war with Japan, which ended in that year, a foreign debt of over £50,000,000 was incurred; and the indemnities which China undertook to pay to the foreign Powers in settlement of the military operations necessitated by the Boxer movement of 1900 added to the foreign obligations a further sum of £87,500,000. The annual charge upon the Chinese revenue for these obligations has been in the neighbourhood of £15,000,000—a sum which exceeds by over ten millions the average revenue of the Imperial Maritime Customs. Consequently there has been a heavy drain on the provincial treasuries, and we must not forget that many of the provinces in recent years have also had to meet obligations in connection with foreign loans for railway construction.

It is quite true that in comparison with the debts of Western nations that of China is a mere bagatelle, and a contemporary reminds us that New York, London and Paris have municipal debts larger than the whole National Debt of the vast Chinese Empire. It is at the same time quite rightly pointed out that China is but lightly taxed compared with the taxation in Western countries, and, moreover, the National Debt of China differs from that of any other country in that it is held by the Government or citizens of foreign countries, instead of by its own people. It would be an easy matter for the Government of China to discharge its indebtedness to foreign countries by a small per capita contribution, and if the Chinese Government has so much sympathy with the movement which has recently been inaugurated in Chihli, the wonder is that it is not spurred on thereby to increased exertion in the reform of the entire financial administration which has long been recognised by leading statesmen of the Empire as desirable; for, as many of the advisers of the Government have in times past pointed out, the Imperial revenue could be enormously increased without imposing on the people burdens which would be overwhelming. There is, indeed, good grounds for the commonly-accepted opinion that not one-half the amount collected from the taxpayers of China finds its way into the treasury. There would be little need to talk at the present time of increasing taxation if only what is now raised were honestly administered. We need refer only to the revenue from the taxation of the land in China. The reported collection is only £15,000,000; the almost probable actual collection is £102,000,000, but the possible collection has been estimated by high authorities at £175,000,000 to £185,000,000. If it be true that the National Debt of China is retarding the rapid development of the resources of the country, by withdrawing funds which would otherwise be devoted to that object, the Government is to blame for not taking measures to ensure that the whole of the money raised by taxation is fully accounted for and applied to provincial or national purposes instead of so large a part of it going to the personal enrichment of officials.

We are able to appreciate the patriotism of the people who have inaugurated this movement to raise by public subscription a fund to pay off the National Debt of China, but if there is really any truth in the statement that the payment of some forty-five million taels a year in meeting China's obligations to foreign Powers is retarding the development of the country, we can only wonder that the Chinese Government is not persuaded to make a statesmanlike effort either to redeem the debt or, by reforming the financial administration, lighten the burden on the taxpayers, and so leave the patriotic promoters of this Redemption Fund free to put their money instead into industrial enterprises which will promote the prosperity of the State and enhance its dignity and importance in the eyes of the world.

The death is announced of Mrs. G. Pettick, sen., of Fochow, at the age of 82.

A census has shown that there are 957 monasteries and 5,862 monks in Korea.

The Telephone Co. are laying a new cable to the Peak, alongside the tram line.

A fairly numerous contingent of police are due to leave for Home on leave in March next.

The English residents of Hankow have decided to give a ball at the end of the present month.

The bans are published at the Registrar-General's office of Dr. K. Hoch and Miss E. M. C. E. Dumas, at "Glenashiel," Barker Road, the Peak.

The total output of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's three mines for the week ending 25th December amounted to 21,904.68 tons and the sales during the period to 21,749.46 tons.

The feature of a highway robbery case at Yau-mai which came before Mr. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday was the arrest of a lunko charged with intimidating witnesses. The hearing was adjourned.

Mr. J. R. Wood sat at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon to hear further evidence on the charge against Lam Fuk Chui of having fraudulently obtained \$24,000 from Mr. John Hastings. The case was again adjourned.

In the course of a discussion between solicitors at the Magistracy yesterday as to a certain man being produced one speaker taunted his friend that he would have some difficulty in producing the man, as he was in goal.

The return showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the Colony of Hongkong during the week ended the 8th January shows one British case of enteric fever and one Chinese (imported) case of purpural fever.

Dr. D. K. McDowell, C.M.G., who, for over six years has held the appointment of Principal Civil Medical Officer to the Straits Settlements, has taken over the duties of a similar appointment in the Federated Malay States.

An attractive booklet containing information and photographic views of the Palo Alto Coal Company's operations has been forwarded to us by Messrs. Garrels, Bomer & Co., the Hongkong agents. The statistics show an annually increasing output.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 9th January, 1910 (exclusive of New Year's Day) shows that of non-Chinese there were 430 to the Library and 271 to the Museum, and of Chinese 210 to the former and 248 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 640 persons and the Museum by 279.

The Korean estimates for the next fiscal year include a sum of 110,000 yen for the appointment of one hundred Japanese clerks in district offices and also a sum amounting to 50,000 yen for that of twenty-six Japanese clerks in provincial offices. It is stated that these clerks will shortly be appointed from among officials in district and prefectural offices in Japan.

A little more than three years ago the Hongkong Government lent to China a sum of £1,100,000, and accepted the option revenue of Hupoh, Nanan and Kwangtung as security for the loan. As China is intent on securing that revenue at the earliest possible moment, it would be interesting to know what security she has offered to Hongkong in substitution thereof.

Great excitement was created at Loakoo on the 30th ult. by the news that 200 Chinese regulars had entered and crossed the Tonkin frontier with arms and baggage, proceeding towards Nam-tai, about 20 kilometres north-east of Loakoo. They had assassinated the Chinese officer who commanded them. The Resident called for the urgent dispatch of reinforcements. In military circles at Haiphong the reports were regarded as exaggerated.

The death occurred at Penang on the 31st ult. of Mr. David Brown, of Glugor, at the age of 65 years. The deceased was born in Penang in 1845 and went home to be educated at Loretto. He returned to Penang in 1861 and was a member of the Legislative Council in 1876 and was several times editor of the Penang Gazette and since 1896 was manager. He was highly respected and greatly liked by all sections of the population. The flags on the buildings of the principal firms were half-masted and the Cricket Club was closed.

A smart capture was made by the police at the Canton steamer wharf on Sunday night. A Chinese, who had returned from America and was on his way up country, had in his possession two Saratoga trunks. They aroused the suspicion of a lunko, who had them searched, with the result that 1,150 rounds of ammunition, 400 empty revolver cartridges, four boxes of caps, two revolvers, one rifle, and moulds for making bullets were found in the trunks. The defendant was brought before the Magistrate yesterday and remanded.

The Japanese Budget for next fiscal year, says the Japan Mail, contains an appropriation of 83,000 yen under the heading of decorations for the Hague Tribunal. The explanation of this is that the various Powers have agreed to contribute to the embellishment of the former Hague Palace in which the meetings of the International Tribunal are held. Under this arrangement it has fallen to Japan's lot to undertake the decoration of one chamber, and the total expense for the purpose is estimated at 83,000 yen, of which the first instalment, namely, 45,000, appears in the next Budget. Tokyo journals state that the plan is to cover the ceiling and walls of the room with panelled tapestry (suzur-e-ori), and to add a display of Japanese works of art.

Charles H. Stephens, chief boarding officer at San Francisco, returned to that city on December 10th by the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia from an inspection trip to the Far East accompanied by his wife. The reception that the popular customs official received was not quite so dignified as that accorded the Chinese diplomatic party, but it could not have been more genuine. His hands were in a sorry condition and his back must have ached after the boarding party of his friends got through with him. Stephens combined pleasure with official business on his trip to the Orient and was accorded warm receptions by his friends at the principal ports in China and Japan. At Hongkong he and his party were banqueted by Quan Kai, the "flour king" of the Far East, in true Oriental style, birds' nest soup and chopsticks figuring in the menu.

A KOWLOON ASSAULT CASE.

While a European girl about 15 years of age was walking on Saturday night between Haiphong Road and Hankow Road in Kowloon, accompanied by Mr. Charlton and Mr. Jacobs, she was accosted, when ahead of her companions, by two natives, one of whom attempted to strike her. Seeing this the two men ran to her assistance, and one of the natives knocked his cigarette into Mr. Jacobs' eye. Mr. Charlton then knocked the man down and sat on him till the police arrived. The other native was arrested shortly afterwards. Both men were brought before Mr. Hallifax at the Magistracy yesterday charged with having been drunk and disorderly and with assault. One was fined \$30 or one month and the other \$25 or three weeks imprisonment.

The Viceroy's Cup at Calcutta was won by Retort, Fitz being second, and Master Delavel third.

TELEGRAMS.

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A PROTEST FROM THE PORTE.

LONDON, January 10th.

The Porte has circularised the Powers controlling Crete protesting against a fresh violation of the Sovereign rights of the Sultan in the Cretan Executive taking the oath of allegiance to the King of Greece, and also in a resolution of the Assembly to introduce the Hellenic Code.

THE NEW FRENCH TARIFF.

THE ALARM IN GERMANY.

LONDON, January 10th.

Several German Chambers of Commerce have petitioned the Government to negotiate with a view to prevent the enforcement of the new French tariff in March.

The petition shows that some of the duties have been increased three hundred per cent.

CHINESE NAVAL COMMISSION.

LONDON, January 10th.

The members of the Chinese Naval Commission dined yesterday with H. I. H. the Princess Henry of Prussia.

THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR "THE CITY."

LONDON, January 10th.

Sir Hugh Bell, who has become a Liberal, is standing as a Parliamentary candidate for the City of London.

[Sir Hugh Bell is an ironmaster and colliery owner, and managing director of Bell Bros. Ltd. He is a director of Brunner, Mond & Co., Ltd., Worman, Long & Co., Horden Collieries Ltd., and the North-Eastern Railway. He contested Middlebrough in the Unionist interest in 1892. Sir C. P. Trevelyan M.P., the Liberal member for the Eland Division of Yorkshire, is a son-in-law of Sir Hugh Bell. At the last contested election for the City of London (February, 1906) the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, the Unionist Leader, obtained 15,474 votes against 4,134 cast for his Liberal opponent, Mr. Thomas Gibson Bowles.]

A NEW SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

LONDON, January 10th.

Sir Ernest Shackleton is planning a fresh expedition to the Antarctic.

JAPAN AND HER TEA.

Evidently, remarks a London contemporary, our Far Eastern ally intends to take a leaf out of the book of the Indian planters who have in recent years taken such active measures, and with such satisfactory results—to exploit Indian tea on the Continent. A general meeting of tea merchants and producers from all parts of Japan was held a short time ago, and about 300 attended. Several members of the Japanese Government were present, including the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, and the Director of the Agricultural Bureau. Important measures are to be taken for the extension of the export of Japanese tea to America, Russia, and Great Britain, and the question of economy in the cost of tea production was also discussed. A committee is to report on the matter, and if the Japanese take it up with their usual zeal, the next few years should see important developments.

JAPAN'S TRADE IN 1909.

The Tokyo Asahi at the end of December said the total value of Japan's trade for the year would show an excess of exports over imports amounting to ¥12,500,000. From January 1st up to December 20th exports reached ¥37,402,000 and imports ¥24,902,000. Estimating the exports and imports from the 21st to the 31st instant to amount to over ¥10,000,000 and ¥8,000,000 respectively, the total value of the foreign trade will reach ¥79,800,000, showing an excess of exports over imports to the amount of ¥13,000,000. Compared with the returns for last year, the total value for this year will thus show a diminution of ¥5,804,000.

It may be added that the shipments of raw silk up to December 20th amounted in value to ¥120,000,000, the figures showing an increase of ¥15,000,000 as against the corresponding period of last year.

In compliance with instructions from the Home Department, the Yokohama Japanese Chamber of Commerce recently forwarded the following answers giving as their opinion the reasons for the business depression of the Japanese market:—(1) The exhaustion of national resources as the result of the late war; (2) The continuation of special war taxes and other heavy duties; (3) The reaction caused by luxurious habits after the war; (4) The reaction of speculative enterprises mooted after the war.

The Chamber further remarked that the famous Boche Imperial, Boche (being greater economy) has nothing to do with the depression in commercial and industrial circles.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, January 10th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (PUNISH JUDGE).

FRAGMENTARY EVIDENCE.

Action was brought by Sit Loung Kit against Ho Yuk-Shan to recover \$612, being as to \$360 amount found to be due on an account stated between the parties in writing contained in a Chinese document dated March 1st, 1907, and as to \$252 interest at the agreed rate of two per cent per Chinese moon from March 1st, 1907, to date.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. J. H. Gardiner, and Mr. Otto Koing Sing appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Gardiner informed the Court that this debt had been running since 1902. The original loan of \$60 had been accumulating ever since, and the plaintiff had, on behalf of the defendant, paid \$100 to another man, while there was an amount due for rent.

His Lordship—Are all these items in the account stated?

Mr. Gardiner—On September 8th plaintiff presented the document to the defendant, who seized it and tore it to pieces. There was a fight, but defendant got the fragments.

His Lordship—Is this the case that went to the Police Court?

Mr. Gardiner—It went to the Police Station at Shanghai, where the defendant preferred a charge of larceny which was not sustained, and the inspector would not take the charge. After that the plaintiff brought this action.

His Lordship—Have you got a translation of the fragments?

Mr. Gardiner—Yes.

Plaintiff told the Court of his visit to the defendant's house at Shanghai to collect his money. On his arrival there were the usual greetings and a foki gave him a cup of tea. Then the defendant told him he (the defendant) had called at his (plaintiff's) house to pay the money, and asked how much he owed.

Plaintiff told him the principal was \$360. Defendant said it was not so much, as he had paid \$54 on account. Plaintiff told him that was in connection with a former document. Defendant replied that the witness wanted to "squeeze" whereupon plaintiff produced the document, which defendant tore in half.

Witness tried to snatch it back, but he was pushed, and fell into the street. He returned to the house and struggled with the defendant, and even bit his hand, but the defendant would not let go of the document. Then the foki pushed over a counter, blew a police whistle, and raised an alarm of armed robbery. Some five or ten minutes later two policemen appeared and the defendant told them to arrest witness as an armed robber. The police took them all to the station, but they were subsequently released. Then a crowd of people gathered round and asked him what the trouble was. Witness told them, and they consoled with him, and some of them handed him fragments of the torn document.

The further hearing was adjourned for a week.

GAMBLING CASUALTIES.

The panic which ensues among Chinese gamblers when the cry of "Police" is raised is fairly well known, but for some time have gambling raids been attended with so many accidents as during the past few days.

On Saturday the Wanchai police executed a gambling raid in Queen's Road East and arrested six men. When they were leaving they discovered one man lying dead in the back yard. Apparently he had tried to escape on the arrival of the police, and the broken coping of a house at the rear suggested that he had fallen over when making his way from a back window.

At the Magistracy the principal was fined \$25, and the second, who had been previously convicted, was fined \$100. The others were fined \$4 each.

Other accidents not of a serious nature took place also on Sunday. While several Chinese were gambling on a rooftop in Jubilee Street a false alarm that the police were coming was raised. There was the usual scuffle to escape, and in the panic one man fell to the ground and received injuries which necessitated his removal to the hospital. A similar occurrence took place in Hollywood Road the same day, when a false alarm was raised, and one man in his haste to escape fell to the ground and broke his arm.

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LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kawachi Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai on the 8th instant, and is expected here to-day.

The P. & O. str. *Nyanza* left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., at 2 p.m., and is due here on the 15th inst., at about 8 a.m.

The J.-C. str. *Tjilatjap* from Java ports may be expected here on or about the 16th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kamo Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port via Kobe, Moji and Nagasaki on the 8th instant, and is expected here on the 18th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Moyori Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 6th inst., and is expected here on the 27th inst.

The cargo of silk shipped on board the M.M. str. *Ernest Strong*, which left this port on the 7th ult., was delivered in Lyons on the 8th inst.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* sailed from Yokohama on the 9th inst., at 3 p.m.

The Bank Line str. *America* left Yokohama on the 8th inst. for Pacific Coast.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN BOWLS.

The Police Recreation Club have arranged for a jack high competition on their green on Friday, 11th February, for two prizes given by Mr. J. Grant.

The final in the open championship of the Colony between Mr. G. K. Haxton and Mr. Bell will be played on the Civil Service Green on Saturday next, and at the same time Mr. T. Petrie and Mr. Blouey will play off on the Police Ground for third and fourth place. The prizes will be afterwards distributed by Mrs. Bodeley. After the championship matches have been decided two rinks from each of the four clubs will compete for silver spoons.

MR. MORGAN'S GIGANTIC TELEPHONE TRUST.

The financial world was surprised last month by the announcement of another huge deal by Mr. Pierpont Morgan, whose purchase of the Equitable Life Assurance Society only a few days previously made the Morgan house more than a "billion dollar" concern, putting the Morgan interests in control of some fifteen or twenty great companies, with an aggregate capital of two and a half billion dollars, or \$250,000,000.

The later deal was the purchase of several independent telephone companies in the middle Western States, and the making of a practical working arrangement between the long-distance system and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which recently purchased the Western Union Telegraph Company and formed a billion dollar combination.

Some time since the Morgans bought the United States Long Distance Telephone Company, and now the purchase of the few outstanding independent corporations and the arrangement with the Telephone Trust throws nearly the whole telephone system of the United States into the hands of Mr. Morgan and his associates.

It is believed by this move in securing the important middle-west companies, who own the best developed and most valuable systems in the country, that Mr. Morgan forced the combination with the new trust, and that between them they will crush out all competition in the telephone and telegraph service of the country.

The trust controls something like 6,000,000 instruments, with nearly 4,000,000 stations, while the American Telephone operates about 3,500,000 instruments, with a capital of \$70,000,000. These figures show how gigantic the new combination will be, and what little chance there will be in the future for independent companies to exist.

EXPLORATION IN CHINA.

Lieutenant Robert Clark, late of the United States Army, who has arrived in England from China on the conclusion of a nine months' journey of exploration in the Provinces of Shensi, Shanai, and Kansu, has been interviewed by a representative of Reuters's Agency. The region in question had been visited by a few European missionaries, but was as a whole unexplored. The expedition consisted of three Europeans besides the leader, viz. Captain Douglas, Mr. George A. Grant, and Mr. A. de C. Sorey. An Indian surveyor named Hazrah Ali was murdered by the Chinese near Lanchow.

Leaving England in November, 1907, the members of the expedition spent some months in China, making their final preparations. It was intended to penetrate south of Lanchow along the mountains on the Chino-Tibetan frontier, but this was prevented by the murder of Mr. Hazrah Ali, just south of that place. Proceeding by train to Taiwenu, the capital of Shensi, Mr. Clark and his companions went west to Yulin in Shensi, on to Yenafu, thence to Chingyang in Kansu, and on to Lanchow, the capital. The Indian surveyor at the time of his murder was alone and unarmed. Although the authorities were immediately informed and warned the officials were very dilatory in sending up troops.

The expedition did most of its travelling on mule back, the caravan comprising 40 mules and 12 drivers. Progress was extremely difficult along the narrow and tortuous mule tracks. With the exception of two mountain ranges, each having an altitude of 85,000 feet, the country consisted entirely of "loess" and sand. Loess is a wind-borne deposit of yellow friable dust, blown from the Mongolian Desert, and has covered the whole of North-West China with deposit varying from 200 to 1,000 feet thick. One of the peculiar properties of this deposit is its vertical cleavage, as a result of which there are successions of perpendicular chasms and ravines hundreds of feet deep. These sometimes occurred every few hundred yards and made direct travel an impossibility. In the poorer villages the native houses were simply holes scooped out of this deposit. The expedition succeeded in fixing astronomically the geographical position of about twelve cities and in surveying a piece of country a thousand miles long and ten miles wide. A good many specimens of mammals, including several new to science, were secured.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 10th at 12.15 p.m.—The barometer has risen over Japan, the depression lying over Hokkaido yesterday having moved into the Pacific.

The barometer has fallen slightly over the Loochoos and risen considerably over the Yangtze valley.

The depression lying to the South of the latter area yesterday has moved into the Eastern Sea.

A high pressure area covers N. China and Manchuria.

The monsoon will probably freshen in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood (*) N.E. winds, freshening.

Formosa Channel Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Lamooka Same as No. 1.

(*) E. to N.E. winds, freshening; misty, probably some rain.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

The Japanese steamer *Fukushima Maru*, which went ashore recently at Jameshall, Chemulpo, was carrying a cargo of general goods. She was built in 1903; is a vessel of 1,473 tons, and is valued at £21,000. She is owned by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's steamer *Peking* went badly ashore on Rugged Islands, about twenty miles from Gutzlaff, last week. When the steamer *Kanau* went to her assistance the stranded vessel had five or six feet of water in her hold, but the passengers and crew were perfectly safe. The latest news in Shanghai papers states that the *Kanau* was stranded by and gear and tugs are being despatched to assist in refloating the *Peking*, which is not expected to come to any great harm.

The historic Chinese junk *Whang Ho* is now a wreck on the south coast of Sumatra, near Telor Betong. This news was reported to the harbour master at Batavia by the captain of the steamer *Reischel*. The Resident of Telor Betong had seen or heard nothing of the crew of the deserted vessel. The *Whang Ho* is an ancient Chinese junk which set out from San Francisco many months ago on an adventurous voyage to Galveston, where it was intended to exhibit her.

The Japanese Consul at Honolulu has informed his Government that the American Government is imposing on all vessels, American and foreign alike, excepting vessels in distress and excursion yachts, calling at any port in United States territory, tonnage dues at the rate of two to six cents per ton, in accordance with Article 36 of the Customs Law adopted on August 5th, 1909. The Chief Collector of the Honolulu Customs received an official despatch from Mr. Knox, the American Secretary of State, to the effect that steamers calling at ports of the United States for the purpose of taking in coal or heavy oil for fuel, without taking on board or discharging passengers or cargo, will hereafter be exempted from tonnage dues, but the entrance fee must be paid.

A correspondent in a contemporary is anxious to know why the P. & O. Co. has named one of its steamers after a port in Belgium. This is what he writes: "Namur is a town in Belgium at the junction of the river Sambre with the Meuse. In 1692, in spite of its fortifications having been greatly strengthened in the interval by the famous military engineer Vauban, it was retaken by William III. (our Dutch William), and of a garrison of 16,000 men only 6,000 survived the siege. The first event was celebrated in a fulsome ode by the French poet Boileau, and the second event was taken advantage of by our Matthew Prior to write a most amusing skit on Boileau's poem. I am curious to know why the P. & O. should name one of their steamers after the place." We can offer no information on this point.

There is an estimated increase of Yen 2,292,705 in Japanese shipping subsidies for next year, as compared with the present year. The total amount is estimated at Yen 9,816,954, and the amount of subsidy to each line is as follows:—

Service or Line	Amount.
European line	Y3,218,193
American	3,442,977
South American	601,978
Australian	425,782
China	800,000
Oriental waters	530,000
Japan Sea	351,000
Subsidy for calling at certain ports	50,000
Hokkaido service	189,884
Islands off Kagoshima Prefecture	22,860
Bonin Islands	15,480
Islands off Izu Province	7,560
Islands belonging to Bonin	1,520
Luchu	9,000
Islands off Luchu	5,400
Oki Island	5,400

The P.M. str. *Korea*, scheduled to leave San Francisco on the 7th inst., will make a special call at Manila in order to provide a direct service for passengers who desire to visit Manila during the Manila Carnival, which takes place on the 5th February to 14th inclusive. The *Korea* calls at Manila before coming to Hongkong.

The steamer *Sabine*, which was chartered to search for the missing liner *Waratah* on September 9th last, covered 14,700 miles in a zigzag course without discovering a clue as to the fate of the missing steamer. The *Sabine*, which experienced rough weather on one occasion made a complete circle of 1,200 miles circumference. She visited Possession Island, but was prevented by fog from approaching the other Crozets. Thence she proceeded to St. Paul Island, and throughout her search continued at night to sweep the waters with her searchlight.

A week or two ago we mentioned that the *Chiyo Maru* had gone into dock at Taikeo with a view to having alterations made to provide accommodation for a Post Office. We now learn from Japanese papers that in order to promote speedy deliveries of mail matter between Japan and America, the Japanese Department of Communications will open post-offices on board the N.Y.K. and T.K.K. North American liners upon the enforcement of the Ocean Navigation Subsidy Law, which comes into operation this month and to which these steamers bound for Seattle and San Francisco are to be subject. The opening of post-offices on the Pacific steamers has been proposed by the Japanese authorities in consideration of the success of similar services on the Atlantic. On the outward voyages these post-offices on the Pacific are to sort the mail matter, which land post offices receive at the point of departure

of American liners, so that the mail-closing hours ashore may be prolonged for about an hour. The floating post-offices will be busier on the homeward voyages than on the outward trips, for they must open mail bags destined for the Tokyo, Yokohama and Kobe offices from Europe via America, and sort the matter, while translating addresses into Japanese for the benefit of the domestic post-offices. As soon as the letters and cards, already sorted, are landed at Yokohama they may be immediately sent to their respective destinations, through the proper post-offices. Passengers by the steamers, on which floating post-offices are established, may enjoy the facilities of despatching all kinds of mail matter, including "registered" and "value declared" articles.

IN THE DAYS OF THE COMET.

TALKS ABOUT ITS TAIL.

An interesting account of Halley's comet and its present visit to the neighbourhood of the earth was given by Professor Fowler, of the Royal College of Science, at the conversations of the Students' Union on the 15th ult. Professor Fowler said, in reality quite common objects and no fewer than 150 had been discovered during the last thirty years, though most of these, of course, were only visible through powerful telescopes.

The appearance of a brilliant comet was an event of comparatively rare occurrence. The last was the Great Comet of 1832. Its whole bulk was 3,000 times that of the sun, but its mass, like that of other comets, was too small to be measured by any means known to us.

It was often said that a big comet of this kind, could, if properly packed, go into a tin-box, but that statement must not be taken too literally, because it might very well weigh several millions of tons, and yet be small in comparison with the large heavenly bodies.

When Halley's comet last appeared in 1835 it was visible to the naked eye for several weeks before its perihelion, and had a tail about thirty degrees in length, but it was too small to be seen by the naked eye.

At the beginning of March next, said the professor, the comet would set three hours after the sun, and it might not then be bright enough to attract general attention. After that it would be lost in the sun's rays until nearly the end of April, and those who wished to see it would have to be up before sunrise.

On May 19, at 2 o'clock in the morning, the comet will pass in front of the sun's disc, but this transit will not, of course, be visible in this country. After that it will be seen at the end of May, but no one could tell whether the comet would be conspicuously brilliant or not.

Supposing its tail was not less than fifteen millions of miles in length, the earth would pass through it. We had already heard alarming rumours of what might happen—that we should all be poisoned by various gases—but the extreme tenacity of the gases comprising the tail should be sufficient to allay any fears of that kind.

THE GERMAN DEFICIT.

THE £26,000,000 LOAN.

In the presence of all the Ministers and before a crowded House and densely-packed galleries Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg made his maiden speech in the Reichstag as Imperial Chancellor on the 9th ult.

The Imperial Estimates for 1910 were down for first reading.

The first task, he said, was to ensure to the Empire a solid financial system. (Hear, hear.) In the accomplishment of that task all the parties must work together which came apart on the question of taxation, whether their political differences continued or not.

Only by assenting to the decisions of the majority in the Reichstag had it become possible to submit Estimates which promised a gradual restoration of the Imperial finances to a sound basis. ("Hear, hear," from the Right and Centre.)

"The vast mass of the people," the Chancellor declared in conclusion, "does not wish to live for ever on political sensation and embitterment. Our people, in the active prosecution of its labours, demands a steady people which, like Germany, has won for itself a position in trade and culture by sober work can only maintain it by such work, and as the whole strength of the people has worked together to that end in the past, so also must it be in the future. (Loud cheers from Right and Centre; signs of protest on the Left.)

Herr Wernuth, Secretary of State for the Imperial Treasury, pointed out that the necessity for raising £26,000,000 by loan was due to deficits in the Budgets of previous years, but that in future the country's finances would be conducted on lines which would prevent a recurrence of such a necessity.

The financial year of 1908 had been particularly unfavourable, but of late a slow increase in the revenues had been noticeable. Nevertheless a cautious estimate of the yield of the new taxes was necessary. For 1909 he estimated from this source £4,250,000, and for 1910 £4,250,000. In order not to upset the money market the amount which it would be necessary to obtain by loan would be raised gradually.

CLERGYMAN'S EXPERIENCES IN CHINA.

The Rev. E. J. Hardy, M.A., the author of a well-known book, "How to be Happy Through Marriage," and for some time Army Chaplain in Hongkong, when he paid a visit to Japan, gives a short account of his life in the Far East in Mr. T. P. O'Connor's journal, *M.A.P.* He says:—

"How to get married? is a problem on which I had been pondering for some time before I produced 'Concerning Marriage,' in 1901. 'I was amazed at the red tape connected with it. I remember, when I was stationed in Hongkong, that I went to Canton on one occasion, in order to take some services, for there was no clergyman there, and an English doctor in the place asked me to put up his hands of marriage. I asked him for the address of his intended. He told me she had an address, for she was on the sea, travelling out to him.

"It was necessary that the particulars should be filled in, and as I was wondering what to do, for the doctor wanted to get married as soon as his intended arrived, it occurred to me that Stepmay is the seaman's parish, and all children born at sea are registered as of that parish. I therefore, determined to register the young lady as in the parish of Stepmay; and in that way I solved the problem to my satisfaction. 'The Chinese nation I regard to write before me on earth, for the Chinaman, call him on next to nothing, and he has no fear of death. Their intelligence is remarkable, and so is their power of adaptability. When I first went out to Hongkong I found a large number of the soldiers in some of the outlying districts up the Yangtze were armed with only bows and arrows. Three years later, when I went there again, they were well equipped with excellent rifles and were well drilled. The only peculiarity was that they knelt to present arms. 'I was in Peking at the end of the Boxer trouble, and though I was advised not to go out, the mob should attempt violence because I was a foreigner, I paid no attention to the advice.

"Only on one occasion was I menaced in any way. Then I was surrounded by some 3,000 people, and I thought from their action that I was going to be killed. It occurred to me, however, that I had a tooth covered with gold in San Francisco. I pointed to it, and at once the simple people thought I must be a demi-god, and became quite friendly. They even took me into one of the temples, and showed me admiringly to the priests, because of my gold tooth.

"You make me sad when you ask about my first success. What is first success when set over against leading failure? Who can say that he has had more than half the opportunities of his life?

"Success is a vague term, and the estimation of it differs in each country. The Chinese ask a stranger: 'How many children have you?' and if the answer, 'No boys' (girls do not count), he is thought anything but successful. 'They would consider Messrs. Balfour and Haldane, the Bishop of London, Lord Kitchener, and other public men who are celebrities dismal failures for that reason. The poorest could have a son who would be considered more successful than all these famous celebrities put together.'

MEDICAL RESEARCH.

BEIT MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS.

At a meeting of the Senate of the University of London on the 15th ult. a letter was read from Mr. Otto Beit, announcing a magnificent benefaction in the interest of medical research. Mr. Beit's brother, the late Mr. Alfred Beit, left £50,000 to found an "Institute of Medical Research." As the formation of this institute has for various reasons become impossible, Mr. Beit has decided to increase the sum left by his brother to £215,000, so as to yield an annual income of about £7,500. This fund, which is to be named "The Beit Memorial Fellowship for Medical Research," is to be devoted entirely to the furthering of medical research work in all its branches. With this object a sum of £250 a year for three years is to be granted "to any man or woman of European descent, graduate of any approved University within the British Empire, who is elected to a Fellowship." The first election of Fellows will take place on or before March 1, 1910. Not more than 10 Fellows will be elected on that occasion.

WATER RETURN.

Level and storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st January:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

LEVEL.	1910.
Below overflow. Below overflow.	
Tytam	12 ft. 5 in. 28 ft. 7 in.
Tytam Byewash	12 ft. 5 in. 28 ft. 7 in.
Above overflow. Above overflow.	
Tytam Intermediate	2 ft. 4 in. 1 ft. 4 in.
date	
Below overflow. Below overflow.	
Pokfulam	6 ft. 7 in. 7 ft. 4 in.
Wong-nai-chung	45 ft. 2 in. 26 ft. 0 in.

STORAGE GALLONS.

1909.	1910.
Tytam	287,551,000
Tytam Byewash	1,235,000
Tytam Intermediate	209,665,000
Pokfulam	51,550,000
Wong-nai-chung	6,114,000
Total	549,968,000

CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN THE CITY AND HILL DISTRICT DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

1909.	1910.
Consumption	135,540,000
Estimated population	207,810
Consumption per head per day	21
CONSTANT SUPPLY DURING DECEMBER IN BOTH YEARS.	
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KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

LEVEL.

1909.	1910.
Below overflow. Below overflow.	
Kowloon Gravitation	22 ft. 1 in. 11 ft. 11 in.
Reservoir	
STORAGE GALLONS.	
1909.	1910.
Kowloon Gravitation	162,341,000
Reservoir	239,708,000

CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN KOWLOON DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

1908.	1909.
Consumption	28,923,000
Estimated population	85,700
Consumption per head per day	12.3
CONSTANT SUPPLY DURING DECEMBER IN BOTH YEARS.	
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The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

Public Works Department.

P. N. H. JONES.

Water Authority.

BRITAIN'S POSITION IN THE CHINA MARKET.

YEARLY IMPORT AVERAGES.

Mr. Holt Schooling, a well-known writer on economics, has been contributing to a London contemporary a series of articles on Great Britain's position in World-Markets. Following is his contribution on the United Kingdom's share of China's import trade.

The great development of China's import trade has been accompanied by a rise in China's purchases from us. But the rise was largely inadequate to enable us to maintain our position as a seller in China. Our share has fallen from £25.9 per £100 of China's imports to £17.1 per £100.

The United States have rapidly increased their position in China, taking as a gain the loss we have incurred. Even as late as 1896, our position as a seller in China was four times as strong as that of the United States. At the present time our position is not twice as strong. Moreover, we are on the down grade in China and the United States are on the up grade.

In almost every market we examine, the fact comes out with significant iteration that we are losing our position as a seller. And this even in those countries, such as China, whose actual purchases from us have increased. In the latter instances, the increase in their recorded actual purchases from us is, of course, accompanied by a rise in our export trade as recorded in the United Kingdom. This increase is then commonly regarded as a sign of prosperity; although simultaneously, and unobserved, we are steadily losing position as a seller in many markets, and even in those very same markets where actual sales by us are increasing. We fail to maintain our position because our rivals make much more advance than we make. And thus a wholly misleading impression is given to those persons who are content merely to look at our own returns of export trade, which in reality cannot give us any information as to whether we are or are not holding our position in world-markets against the increasing competition of formidable trade rivals.

And yet it is most essential for our guidance to have some notion as to how we are standing in world-markets, a knowledge that can be gained only by examining each market. For, as Mr. Winston Churchill said at Cambridge University Carlton Club on June 1, 1901: "The food we eat, the clothes we wear, indeed, our very existence, depend on our power to hold our own in foreign and Colonial markets. If we are undersold, or outmanoeuvred, or outwitted, we perish."

Those words were spoken before "Tariff Reform" had arisen as a matter of party politics. It was then possible to investigate and to write about our trade conditions with a reasonable chance of one's conclusions being received without the injurious bias of the party politician. Nowadays, although our position in world-markets is appreciably worse than it was in 1901, when Mr. Churchill spoke the words quoted, that adroit politician induces people to believe that our trade is in a sound condition. As President of the Board of Trade he ought to be aware of the trade tendencies that are being shown in these articles. And if he does know them it is not right for the President of the Board of Trade deliberately to mislead his audience as to the condition of our foreign commerce. If, on the other hand, Mr. Churchill is not aware of the trade tendencies here being shown, then he is not fit to hold his present position.

Moreover, the main cause of our inability to hold our own in world-markets is also the main cause of our inability to hold our own in the markets of the United Kingdom—the main cause of our decreasing power to provide work and wages for our population. This main cause is, as stated in former articles, the fact that we give to each of our trade rivals an open sale-area of 45 millions of people in the United Kingdom to add to the free or open sale-area possessed by each of our rivals in their own country; while, simultaneously, our free or open sale-area is limited to the 45 million persons living in the United Kingdom.

This advantage given to our rivals enables them to produce goods upon a large scale and at a reduced cost of production, with the result that we thus enable our rivals to undersell us in any market where they desire to compete with us.

Such a condition is wholly different from the primary essential of real Free Trade, by which each trading nation would possess an equal and identical free or open selling-area.

IMPORTS INTO CHINA FROM ALL COUNTRIES AND FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1880-1906.

Yearly Averages during each Decade.

Decade.	Imports from all Countries.	Imports from United Kingdom.	Per cent. of total imports from U.K.
1880-1889	93	22.2	23.9
1890-1899	97	22.4	23.0
1900-1909	102	22.0	21.6
1880-1889	107	24.0	22.4
1890-1899	115	25.2	21.8
1900-1909	124	26.4	21.3
1880-1889	133	27.4	20.6
1890-1899	146	29.7	20.4
1900-1909	156	31.1	19.9
1880-1889	166	31.5	19.1
1890-1899	182	33.5	18.4
1900-1909	191	35.6	18.6
1880-1889	203	36.8	17.9
1890-1899	224	39.6	17.7
1900-1909	242	41.9	17.3
1880-1889	262	44.6	17.0
1890-1899	290	49.8	17.2
1900-1909	311	53.2	17.1

Course of Trade.

These are General Imports. The Special Imports (imports for consumption in China) are not recorded as to the country of origin. The nominal value of the imports from the U.K. is 6s. 8d. (three to the £), but the actual exchange value has fallen considerably year by year.

The above table is based upon the current Statistical Abstract for Foreign Countries and upon earlier volumes.

THE SILVER MARKET.

Messrs. Mocatta and Goldsmid's circular dated London, the 18th ult. said:—

The silver market continues to show strength, and the price has been advanced from 23½d. to 24½d. (11th inst. to 4d.), which was reached on the 14th inst., and is the highest quotation since last June. This rise, however, led to some heavy selling on China account, and there was a reaction to 24½d., but to-day we quote 24½d. with a very steady market. This level hardly justifies the hope of much further rise, but with the prospect of continued buying orders from the East and from the Continent we anticipate a fairly steady market until the end of the year.

THE SPIRIT OF JAPAN.

(BY THE "TIMES" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.)

Some unknown friend in Japan has forwarded me a copy of the first number (January, 1910) of a new magazine entitled the *Yamato-damashii*, or Spirit of Japan.

The Japanese text is accompanied by an English translation undertaken by Mr. J. Inouye, First Secretary of Legation, and by Professor T. Okada, of the Japanese Staff College. The magazine is to appear on the first of every month. The annual subscription is three yen, post free to all parts of the world, and the publisher's name and address Shintaro Takahashi, No. 12, Katamachi, Yotsuya, Tokyo, Japan.

The magazine appears under the auspices of the Military Education Society—the object of which is the propagation of military spirit and ideas—and of the *Shiyudan* established in 1906 to foster and develop *Bushido* and *Yamato-damashii*. Admiral of the Fleet Count Ito is President of both societies; General Viscount Terauchi, Minister for War, is Vice-President of the Military Education Society, and General Count Nogai, of the *Shiyudan*. The two societies number several hundred councillors, lecturers, and secretaries.

The particular object of the magazine is "to lead humanity to true happiness," and this laudable object is explained in a prefatory notice, which runs as follows:—

It is the duty of all men to improve their condition of life by forming good habits and acquiring refined customs and to carry out the divine will with unswerving faith.

From the ideas which have remained unchanged under the one law of the universe, which has ruled this country for more than twenty-five centuries, has been fostered and matured the *Yamato-damashii*, the Spirit of Japan, which in turn has developed the *Bushido* ideal, by selecting and assimilating the various doctrines of the world with great skill, has shown the true path of humanity. Of late, many people in all parts of the world, in their desire to become acquainted with *Bushido*, have looked up books of all descriptions; for the purpose of having some idea of the true nature of *Bushido*. There are, however, an Imperial Rescript on Education, which runs as under:—

KNOW YE, OUR SUBJECTS.

Our Imperial Ancestors have founded our Empire on a basis broad and everlasting and have deeply and firmly implanted virtue. Our subjects, ever united in loyalty and filial piety, have from generation to generation illustrated the beauty thereof. This is the glory of the fundamental character of Our Empire, and herein also lies the source of Our Education. Ye, Our subjects, be filial to your parents, affectionate to your brothers and sisters; as husbands and wives be harmonious, as friends true; brothers, bear yourselves in modesty and moderation; extend your benevolence to all, pursue learning and cultivate arts, and thereby develop intellectual faculties and perfect moral powers; furthermore, advance public good and promote common interests; always respect the Constitution and observe the laws; should emergency arise, offer yourselves courageously to the State; and thus guard and maintain the prosperity of Our Imperial Throne coeval with heaven and earth. So shall ye not only be Our good and faithful subjects, but render illustrious the best traditions of your forefathers.

The Way here set forth is indeed the teaching bequeathed by Our Imperial Ancestors, to be observed alike by their Descendants and the subjects, infallible for all ages and true in all places. It is Our wish to lay it to heart in all reverence, in common with you, Our subjects, that we may all thus attain to the same virtue.

The 30th day of the 10th month of the 23rd year of Meiji.

(Imperial Sign Manual. Imperial Seal.) The next contribution is an Ode composed by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

CORRECT EACH OTHER'S FAULTS AND LIVE AS FRIENDS.

SUCH IS THE SPIRIT THAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP LEADS.

This Ode is commented upon by Baron Takasaki, President of the Board of Poetry in the Imperial Household Department, who says that:—

Should any fault be committed among friends, it would show the lack of faithfulness of true friends to admonish one another and cause such fault to be corrected. Although there are friends in the world who will praise a good deed, a friend who will expostulate when an evil deed is committed is hard to get. He is not a true friend who praises only outwardly, but will not speak out against a fault. The words "Friends should be true to each other" in the Imperial Rescript mean that friends should be faithful to each other, and be so faithful that they must admonish without hesitation even at the risk of incurring the displeasure of the person so admonished. I believe that it was in the same spirit that this ode was composed by His Majesty.

The next paper gives the first of the 47 odes of the *daimeyo* Nishin of the Shimazu family, hereditary lords of Satsuma.

It would be bootless to hear or speak of the teachings of the ancients unless we make them our guides in conduct.

There is a note written upon this ode by Admiral Count Togo, who concludes that:—

"If we could conquer ourselves, no good act of whatever kind would be difficult to perform, but this conquest of self is no easy task, and therefore it is important that we should, with extraordinary courage and very great resolution, carry out the object expressed in this ode and exert ourselves in the cause of our lord and country."

General Viscount Terauchi follows with a sympathetic paper upon Lieutenant-Colonel Tachibana, who is described as a model army officer and whose career will be further traced in a subsequent issue. The merits of Captain Ryohkoten Arima, of the Japanese Navy, are described by Vice-Admiral Baron Dewa, and there follow two unsigned papers, the first containing one of the tales of the 47 loyal retainers of Akao, and the second, giving an example of filial piety in a man of the humblest class.

The three remaining papers deal with *Bushido* and the *bushu*. A model Tokugawa *bushu* is described by an anonymous writer, while Professor Inouye Tetsujiro, of the Tokyo University, contributes a very interesting article on the development of *bushido*. Lastly, there is given the report of a conversation on the subject of *bushido* between General Count Nogai, the hero of Port Arthur, and Captain Takahashi, the editor of the magazine, in which the former gives the following definition:—

FAMILY'S FEARFUL SKIN TORMENTS

Four Children Covered with Torturing Eczema—Mother Blind with Erysipelas, Sleepless and Nearly Mad with Worry—Hospital Seemed Their Last Resort when

CUTICURA CURED THEM ALL IN THREE WEEKS

"Cuticura Soap and Ointment have absolutely cured me of a serious attack of erysipelas and my four children of eczema in a bad form. The trouble began with my son Harry, aged ten, who had sore places broke out on his face and his whole body was simply covered with sores. These sores were in the form of lumps which used to break and run matter, and then leave nasty raw places. I tried many things but he got worse, and then the disease began to show itself on each of my three little daughters. They soon became as badly affected as my son and I was driven nearly mad with the worry of it. They suffered terribly in every case most distressing to me not to be able to get anything to relieve them. I did not see a prospect of their getting better. To make matters worse, I caught a cold, and then erysipelas set in. It affected my face badly for two days and nights. I could not open my eyes and I had to remain in bed. There seemed to be no other course open for all of us to go into the hospital, but my father advised me to try the Cuticura Remedies.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR," Captain S. H. Bolen, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, 11th January, 1910. [157]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR," having arrived from the above Ports, Cons. men of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, 10th January, 1910. [157]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CARNARVONSHIRE," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, marked by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 16th inst. at 6 A.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godown, where they will be examined at 9.30 A.M. on the 15th inst. No Claims will be admitted after goods have left the Godown nor will they be recognised if presented after 10 days of vessel's arrival here.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, 10th January, 1910. [158]

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MAIL TABLES FOR 1910.

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Mounted on Card 30 Cents.
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On Sale at the Hongkong Daily Press Office.

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A Quantity of NETTING for Tennis Courts, etc.
TABLE BILLIARD SETS, SLATE BEDS, from \$40.00.
CHINA EXPRESS CO., 3, Duddell Street. [40]

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THE Cutter Yacht "BRYNHILDE," as she lies off Ah King's, with all Gear and Stores, Bedding and Mess Traps on Board. Length over all, 42 feet; Beam, 10 feet 3 inches; Draught, 5 feet. Lead Keel weighing 7,030 lbs. Teak Hull, Copper Fastened. New Sails, Area about 1,700 square feet. Large English-built Dinghy, Three Anchors, Chain and Hemp Cables, Two Life Buoys, Compass, Lights, &c. Complete and ready for sea.

LEIGH & ORANGE, Princes' Building, 2, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, 31st December, 1909. [106]

GRACA & CO.

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IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARDWARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers. Fig Iron and Foundry. Coke, Lumpers. General Storekeepers and Shipchangers. Nos. 35 & 37, HING LOONG STREET, (2nd Street, west of Central Market) Telephone No. 515. [163]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of January, 1910, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming as a special resolution the rejoined resolution which was passed by the requisited majority at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 30th day of December, 1909.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered.

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph as follows:—

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall be before the Special Resolution is passed be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for the reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority or not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI. a new paragraph as follows:—

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such ways and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies' Act, 1900, and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Dated the 30th day of December, 1909.

By Order, SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 25th January, 1910, at 11.45 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 17th January, to TUESDAY, the 25th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

General Agents for the WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD. Hongkong, 8th January, 1910. [153]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 25th January, 1910, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 17th January, to TUESDAY, the 25th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary. Hongkong, 8th January, 1910. [154]

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

ON EVERY SUNDAY.

WILL depart from PING ON WHARF, near Western New Market, at 9 A.M.

1st Cabin (Single Fare) ... \$1.20

2nd Cabin (Single Fare) ... \$1.00

3rd Cabin (Single Fare) ... \$0.80

Children under 12 years Half Price. Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [153]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. PETER CHANATONG and Mr. JOSEPH CHANATONG in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1909. FERNANDEZ & Co., Hongkong, 6th January, 1910. [134]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have Appointed Mr. C. MING SHAN as Sole Manager of our Firm, and that all receipts and other documents purporting to be made by us must bear his signature, without which the same will not be recognised by us. AH YOUNG & COMPANY, (No. 1, Victoria Street), Hongkong, 7th January, 1910. [147]

HARBOR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE (Movable Armament) will be carried out as under:—

On the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th January, 1910.
From Eagle's Nest in a Northerly direction, commencing at 9 A.M.
On the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th January, 1910.
From Bos Vista in a direction from South-East to South-West, commencing at 10 A.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.

HASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c. Hongkong, 5th January, 1910. [140]

WANTED.

NEW or SECOND-HAND (not too old) 10 H.P. GAS ENGINE.

State make, name, price, and when delivery can be made to—

A.B.C., Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 10th January, 1910. [150]

WANTED.

GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT.

Must be an efficient Typewriter. Apply with references to—

N.S., Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 8th January, 1910. [146]

WANTED.

COMPETENT STENOGRAPHER and TYPIST (male or female). Beginners need not apply.

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K., Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 7th January, 1910. [139]

WANTED.

A BOOK-KEEPER for a Manila Firm.

Britisher preferred. Age must be under 30 years, must have had previous experience in a Merchant's Office; state qualifications, references and when free.

Reply—

"BOOK-KEEPER," Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 5th January, 1910. [129]

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TO LET or FOR SALE.

DERRINGTON, PEAK ROAD, No. 8.

SHORNCLIFFE, Garden Road, 7.

For Particulars apply to—

J. S. SCHROTER, King's Buildings, 11th, Care of Garrets, Borneo & Co., Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [86]

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FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 25 at NORTH POINT, suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Also FOR SALE—

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POPULAR SUMMER RETREAT.

ONE of the BEST HOUSES at Kuliang, the Beautiful Summer Resort and Sanatorium, near Fochow, to be let, fully furnished, for the whole season. Apply to Office of this paper for references.

Fochow, 22nd May, 1909. [92]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS in Hotel MANSTONS, First Floor, facing the New Post Office, suitable for Offices.

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HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 10th January, 1910. [151]

TO LET.

GODOWNS in MASON'S LANE, between Wyndham and Zetland Streets, lately vacated by Messrs. Barretto & Co., suitable for Cinematograph show or storage.

Apply to—

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 5th January, 1910. [130]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 54, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [88]

TO LET

TO LET.

No. 2, HILLIOTT CRESCENT, ROBINSON ROAD, Six Roomed House, with Outhouse, Commanding a Fine View of the Harbour. Apply to—

F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO, 33, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 7th July, 1909. [94]

TO LET.

No. 2, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

No. 4, CONDUIT ROAD, 5 ROOMS, from 1st April, 1910.

PREMISES lately vacated by Messrs. Gordon & Co., known as 21, Whitefield, Shaikwan Road.

PREMISES at SHAMBER, CANTON, now in occupation of the Canton Kowloon Railway. CHELTONDALE (furnished), No. 100, Peak, 1st April to 1st October, 1910.

The EYEE, No. 13, Peak, Six Rooms, Tennis Court and very Large Garden.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, 2 Rooms on 1st Floor, well suited for Offices.

No. 25, SHELLEY STREET (new House), GODOWNS in Duddell Street.

HOUSES in BELLIOS TERRACE, ROBINSON ROAD, newly painted and color washed, exceptionally cheap rentals.

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Apply to—

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TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, Praya, Kennedy Town.

Apply—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [90]

TO BE LET.

WITH Possession from March, 1910. (Unfurnished or if desired the furniture could be taken over at a valuation.)

"TAN MOE," Peak Road. Six Roomed semi-detached house, commanding a good view of the harbour. Tennis Court and Vegetable Garden.

NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rentals.

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HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [99-109]

TO LET.

NOS. 52 and 69, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to—

HO U MING, 81, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [96]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road.

A HOUSE in RIPLEY TERRACE.

OFFICES To Let, No. 2, Connaught Road, 3rd Floor.

No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.

No. 10, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.

GODOWNS in PRATA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Voeux Road next to the Hongkong Hotel.

FLATS in MORRISON TERRACE.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [87]

TO LET.

No. 3, MORRISON HILL. Immediate entry.

Apply—

Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 10th December, 1909. [93]

TO LET.

GODOWNS Nos. 7, 8 and 10, and the Top Floor of No. 3, (Tang Lap Ting's Godown East Point).

Immediate Possession. Rent exceptionally moderate.

Apply to—

KAM FOOK, No. 107, Wellington Street, behind the Stag Hotel or Keeper of No. 6, Godown on the Spot. Hongkong, 28th May, 1909. [93]

TO LET.

No. 6, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, ONE GODOWN.

In No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Offices.

ROOMS in College Chambers No. 31 Wyndham Street.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 19th December, 1909. [95]

TO LET.

King's Buildings.

OFFICES facing the Harbour from about October at present in occupation of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Apply—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [89]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"TANTALLON," 126A, BARKER ROAD. Rent \$225 per Month. Seen by appointment only.

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BRITAIN'S MYSTERIOUS PITS.

A perennial puzzle in southern England is the origin of the so-called "dove-holes" that are numerous in that locality. They were sunk in the chalk at some prehistoric time and usually consist of a narrow shaft 75 or 100 feet deep ending in a chamber 30 to 50 feet in diameter, and 16 or 18 feet high, or a series of two or three or more chambers. They occur in groups, about 60 pits at Hangman's Wood, Essex, being contained in the space of a few acres. A late inquirer, Rev. J. W. Hayes, has investigated the character of the chalk deposits and the ancient and modern uses of chalk, and he offers an explanation of the pits quite different from the theories that have been most favoured. His view is that the dove-holes were simply quarries of chalk. The export of the material began in pre-Roman times, and it was natural to make the pits in groups where the strata supplied solid blocks and the location was convenient. Buckets or baskets were used for raising the material taken out. It has been widely believed that the pits were made for granaries, or places of refuge, or both, but strong evidence against these ideas is the fact that many worked-out pits contain waste from later excavations.

CHEAP AND EFFECTIVE RAT-KILLING. After four years of vain effort to produce an epidemic among rats, M. de Krynff, of the agricultural bureau at Huitenzango, Yucatan, hit upon a new plan. Pouring half a teaspoonful of carbon disulphide into each occupied rat-hole, he lighted the vapour, and the poisonous gases from the explosion almost instantly killed all rats. In 43 holes subsequently opened, 131 dead rats were found, two holes containing 10 rats each.

AN ARTIFICIAL MOON-SURFACE. A typical lunar landscape has been imitated in a curious way by Paul Fuchs, a German experimenter. Iron-ore slag from a smelting furnace was run off at 1,100 deg. C., and cooled with water applied in various ways. Craters, mountains and plains were produced according to the conditions of the slag and the cooling.

BRAIN CONTROL OF OLD AGE. That old age is a mechanical effect of the slowing down of mental activity is a new medical explanation. When in a passive condition, aroused by no stimulation, the walls of each body cell are impermeable to solutions from within and without, and its crystalline excretoria accumulate within, while no nutrition can enter from without. A stimulus from thought or the will causes the membrane to become permeable, and the waste of the cell is discharged and food material is admitted. This double activity induced by healthy thinking keeps the body machine in working order, and the arteries in normal condition. In middle life one's thinking is likely to have become settled down into fixed habits. A regular routine is followed, new fields are not entered, and there is mental stagnation. The cell waste accumulates, bringing the chronic alterations of the arteries so characteristic of age.

To retard the coming of old age, suitable exercise, physical and mental, is necessary and effective to a considerable degree, and it has been often noted that hale old men have been active and kept a broad-minded interest in affairs. The theory explains the influence of a hobby, which many men have declared has prolonged their lives.

TAPEWORMS AS FOOD. The curious story has found its way into the text books that the tapeworms known as Ligulae, found in the body cavity of various fishes, are used in some parts of France and Italy as a delicacy called macaroni piatti or verblanc. Though the statement was shown fifteen years ago to be erroneous, it is still cited as a marvellous fact. The fable has been again exposed by a late writer, Parsons, who states positively that such a habit does not exist, and shows that the myth arose from the report by Radolphi that the Ligulae are at times eaten with the tench they infect, being mistaken for the fish.

A GRAVING GOAT. A "rodent-goat" is the extraordinary type of new animal whose remains have been found in a cave of Majorca by Miss Dorothea Bate. The lower jaw has a single pair of incisor teeth, in place of the four pairs of incisors and the canines generally characteristic of the ruminants.

HEARING TAUGHT BY MACHINE. Deaf-mutes are seldom absolutely unable to hear any sound, and by measuring their perception and properly cultivating their powers, many of them may be given a very useful degree of hearing. As the voice cannot be varied at will in quality, pitch and intensity, Dr. Marege, the French specialist, has developed a more accurate accelerometer, or measure of audition. Five sirens coupled together give the fundamental vibrations of the five vowels, and this apparatus gives sounds of constant quality that have a known pitch varying with the speed of the motor and a known intensity changing with the pressure of the air traversing the machine. With the ear at a distance of 20 inches, the intensity of sound is raised by increasing the air-pressure until the vibrations are perceived. The normal ear hears sound produced under a pressure of 1 millimeter, and if the pressure must be raised to 60 millimeters to make the sound heard, the sharpness of hearing is put down as 1/60, and so on. If there is no hearing at 220 millimeters, the test is continued with a tube from the siren to the ear. The perception varies for the different sounds, and a record is made in five divisions showing the sensitiveness of the hearing for each of the vowels. The ear's capacity being known, it is trained by the simple and exact vibrations of the vowel siren. In suitable cases, hearing develops rapidly, and results are reached in two months that would require several years—with great exertion and fatigue—to attain by voice teaching.

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THE OPIUM TRAFFIC BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA.

The Master of Ellbank, Under-Secretary for India, received a deputation from the Edinburgh Committee for the Suppression of the Indo-Chinese Opium Traffic in Edinburgh on the 17th ult. The deputation was introduced by Mr. F. M. P.

In reply to the Rev. G. S. Mair, who spoke for the deputation, the Master of Ellbank said that they had reduced the export of opium from India from 66,000 chests in 1908 to 61,909 chests in 1909, and this quantity had been further reduced to 56,800 in 1909, and would be reduced to 51,700 chests in 1910. Further reductions after 1910 would be made proportionate to the reduction in the home production and consumption in China. The area under poppy cultivation in Bengal was being reduced, and restrictions were being placed on the export of opium grown in the native States. Whereas in 1880 and 1881 the net income derived under the licensing of opium amounted to seven millions sterling, to-day it amounted to little over three millions, a revenue which, under an arrangement with China, must inevitably be one of progressive diminution. The arrangement made with China was that the Indian Government should diminish their export of opium to China in each of the three years, beginning with 1908, by one-tenth of the amount then annually exported, and at the end of that period China could produce satisfactory evidence that she had proportionately reduced her cultivation, the arrangement was to continue for the next seven years, at the end of which the trade would have entirely ceased. As the net revenue derived by India from this source was no light one, His Majesty's Government regarded the experimental period of three years as an absolute necessity. It would be idle for the Indian Government to make so great a sacrifice if the only result were to be the substitution of Chinese for Indian opium. The question, therefore, would come up for consideration at the end of next year, when it was hoped they would have trustworthy data for the extent of China's reform. The trial period was accepted by the Chinese Government themselves as essentially a reasonable agreement to ensure that the action of the Indian Government for the gradual suppression of a hitherto legal traffic should not be frustrated by a want of corresponding restrictive action on the part of the Chinese authorities. China at this moment was not in a position to produce trustworthy data.

The Master of Ellbank read the following telegram which he had received from the Colonial Office: "Government, through Colonial Office, have paid special attention to opium question with object of gradual suppression of traffic. As a result of Commission's report, traffic both in Hongkong and Straits Settlements largely reduced at great cost to revenue. Commission on question still sitting in Ceylon. Present policy, if continued, will lead to suppression."

PRINCE ITO AND THE BURNING OF THE BRITISH LEGATION.

STATEMENT BY MR. J. H. LONGFORD.

It has often been stated that Prince Ito was one of the young men concerned in the burning down of the British Legation at Yoko in 1861, but we know of no authoritative statement to that effect, say the Japan Chronicle. A most definite statement on the subject, however, is now made by Mr. J. H. Longford, formerly of the British Consular service in Japan, who, in an appreciative article on Prince Ito in the December number of the National Review, explains the facts as follows:—

"Armed attacks by bands of conservative fanatics had been twice made on the British Legation at Tokyo, with the object of destroying the Legation and murdering the inmates. After the second attack all the treaty representatives demanded that a site should be assigned for their residences, the situation of which should render it easy of defence. The site chosen by them was Gotsen-yama, 'The Hill of the Palace,' a table-land of slight elevation but extensive surface on the western suburbs of Yoko overlooking Shinagawa Bay, a place not only of great natural and cultivated beauty, but of strong strategic capabilities. Historical associations and present conditions combined to render this spot especially dear to all Japanese hearts. The place in which the Shogun was accustomed to receive the territorial magnates on their annual visits were never publicly visited upon it, but for capital originally stood upon it as a public park, and was the favourite resort of all the citizens of the capital. Trampling in their ignorance and antipathy over every sentiment of Japanese tradition and public right, the treaty representatives extorted the concession of this site from the weak Ministers of the Shogun. The people were excluded from their historic pleasure-grounds, the cherry-trees and fir which had beautified these grounds for centuries were ruthlessly swept away, and the erection of the Legation buildings proceeded with. That for the British Legation was completed when a final appeal was made by the Government for the retention of the site. The appeal was in vain, but the buildings were never occupied. A number of samurai invaded the place, set fire to the buildings at several points simultaneously, and the whole were burnt to the ground.

"The incendiaries were well known, though their names were never published. One of them was the young Ito, and it was to this incident that Sir Harry Parkes referred on the occasion on which I first saw him. At a later time, when everything was changed and Ito was high official authority, he sometimes spoke of this incident, if not with pride, certainly without a particle of shame in his own share in it, and no European with the knowledge we now possess of the circumstances of the period can even if he couldmes the act, refuse his sympathy to the hot-headed young incendiary who perpetrated it."

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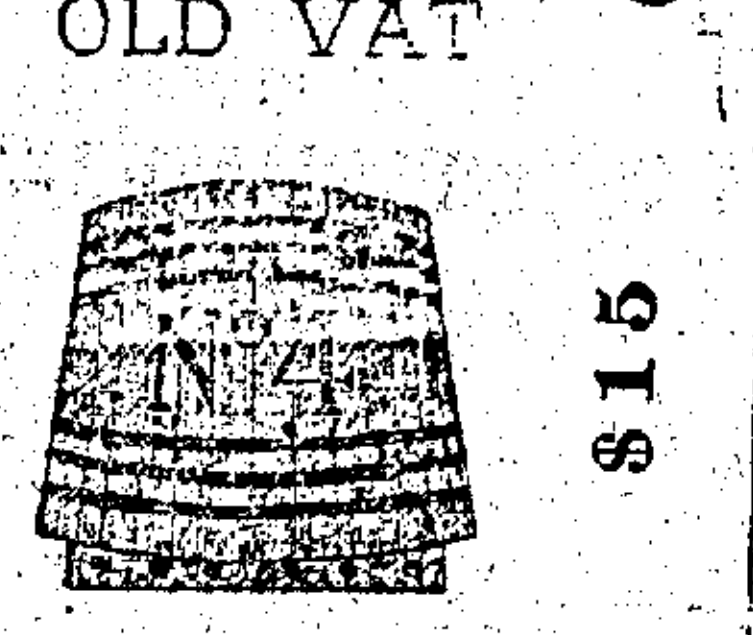
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LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SCILLIA	Brit. str.	—	C. W. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 13th inst.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & AMSTERDAM	CARDIGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 16th inst., at D'light
LONDON, &c., via UTAH, PORTS OF CALL.	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 22nd inst., at Noon
HAYRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	V. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 15th inst.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	INDIEN	Swed. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Febr.
MARSEILLES, HAYRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	CANTON	Dan. str.	—	Sollier	MELCHERS & Co.	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, &c., via Ports of CALL.	ONANIAN	Freuch. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 18th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	KAZO MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. Hayas	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Frehner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PEMBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	K. Sato	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	About 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	ANT MARU	Jap. str.	—	Filler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Feb., at D'light
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG, via STRAITS, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	M. Hagino	MELCHERS & Co.	On 16th Feb., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	KAGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. Prosch	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	PERSEA	Aus. str.	—	P. Giuragovich	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 26th inst.
TRIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	VANDALIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Karberg	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 19th inst.
NEW YORK	SUVERIC	Brit. str.	—	J. Boyd	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th inst.
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE via JAPAN	SUVERIC	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th inst.
VANCOUVER (Direct)	EMPERESS OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 25th inst., at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 15th Feb., at Noon
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	KAWAGAWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Feb.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, &c.	IYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd March.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, &c.	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Noon.
TACOMA via JAPAN	KATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 26th Feb., at Noon.
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, &c., via JAPAN PORTS, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	COLENZ	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 28th inst., at D'light
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Feb., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	ATSUTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at Noon.
JAPAN	TILANTAP	Dut. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	WOSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at Daylight
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	About 12th inst.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	CHOSUN MARU	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Brit. str.	k. w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 15th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SEGOYA	Ger. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 16th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NYANZA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI	ANHUI	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	BOMBAY MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 17th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TOURANE	Freuch. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	INDIAN	Dan. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	About 21st inst.
SHANGHAI	LIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 2nd Feb.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	FOOKANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	ARCADIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI	CHINHUA	Jap. str.	k. w.	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	SAMBA	Ger. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	TILKOW	Dut. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	KIUKANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 14th inst., at 10 A.M.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	SOSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 3 P.M.
ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	DAGU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 14th inst., at 4 P.M.
TAMU via SWATOW & AMOY	HUNAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
SWATOW	HAIXANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	End of Jan.
MANILA	YUSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	—	DAVID SALSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 14th inst., at Noon.
MANILA	TRAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 13th inst., at 3 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGKANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
MANILA	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch
MANILA	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	—	—	—
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	TOSA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	—
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & PENANG	CAPRI	Ital. str.	—	—	—	—
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & PENANG	GEORGY APCAR	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUTANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TIPIANAS	Dut. str.	—	—	—	—

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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & BREMEN	"BUELOW" Capt. F. PROSER	Wed'ay, 12th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" Capt. E. MALCHOW	About Wed'ay, 12th Jan.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"COLENZ" Capt. H. RAEGENER	Friday, 26th Jan., at D'light
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBELL	End of January.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TOURANE" Capt. Lancelin	On 17th Jan., P.M.
MARSEILLES, via PORTS	"OCEANIAN" Capt. Sollier	On 18th Jan., 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"ARMAND BEHIC" Capt. Gaionnet	On 31st Jan., P.M.
MARSEILLES via PORTS	"NERA" Capt. Martin	On 1st Feb., 1 P.M.

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"MONTEAGLE" Tuesday, 15th Feb.	"EMPERESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 25th Mar.
"EMPERESS OF INDIA" Sat., 26th Feb.	"EMPERESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 22nd Apr.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN" Sat., 26th Mar.	"EMPERESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 22nd May
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 Hongkong, 5th January, 1910. [4]

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LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PEN- ANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SICILIA Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	About 15th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NYANZA Capt. H. S. Bradshaw, R.N.R.	Noon, 16th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	ARCADIA Capt. S. Barham	About 21st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS ON CALL	DEVANHA Capt. H. Powell	Noon, 22nd Jan.	See Special Advertisement.

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 11th January, 1910.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 11th Jan., 3 P.M.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"NANCHANG"	On 11th Jan., 4 P.M.
AMOI and SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	On 11th Jan., 4 P.M.
ZAMBOANGA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI and SHANGHAI	"KIUKIANG"	On 14th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 16th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 18th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 20th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 23rd Jan., 4 P.M.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"WOSANG"	Wed'day, 12th Jan., D'light.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 14th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"YOKOSANG"	Friday, 21st Jan., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 21st Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Saturday, 22nd Jan., Noon.
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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, GOTHENBURG and BALTIC PORTS	"CANTON"	About 5th Jan., 1910.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"INDIEN"	On 17th Jan.
COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"INDIEN"	Middle of Feb.,

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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	Tons.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer, AKI MARU Capt. K. Sato, KAGA MARU Capt. M. Hagino,	9,000 7,000 7,000	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Daylight. WED'DAY, 2nd Feb., at Daylight. WED'DAY, 16th Feb., at Daylight.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (KANAGAWA MARU leaving Hongkong 5th Feb., due Kobe 10th Feb., connects)	INABA MARU Capt. R. Takeda,	6,500	WED'DAY, 16th Feb. from YOKOHAMA.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (YO MARU leaving Hongkong 3rd March, due Yokohama 15th March connects)	TAMBA MARU Capt. C. H. Butler,	6,500	WED'DAY, 16th Mar. from YOKOHAMA.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine, NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi,	5,000 6,000	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon. THURSDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TOSA MARU Capt. Y. Nomura,	6,000	TUESDAY, 11th January.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	ATSUTA MARU Capt. Wm. Thompson,	9,000	WED'DAY, 12th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	BOMBAY MARU Capt. Evans,	5,000	FRIDAY, 14th January.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi,	6,000	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1910.

T. KUSUMOTO,
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TAKING Cargo at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Mediterranean, Levantine, Black Sea and Baltic Ports, and all North and South American Ports. Also via Aden or Port Said by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

For SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:

S.S. SEGOVIA	15th Jan.
S.S. SAMBIA	2nd Feb.
S.S. ANDALUSIA	9th Feb.
S.S. SAXONIA	17th Feb.
S.S. C. FELD. LAEISZ	27th Feb.
S.S. AMBRIA	12th March.

Further Particulars, apply to—

Hongkong, 4th January, 1910.

HOMeward.

For HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:

S.S. SCANDIA	15th Jan.
S.S. SITHONIA	20th Jan.
S.S. BRASILIA	10th Feb.
S.S. VANDALIA	19th Jan.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR

CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, etc., via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO and SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).

S.S. KIYO MARU	9,500 tons gross	Sail Feb. 26th, at Noon.
S.S. BUJO MARU	6,000	" April 27th, at Noon.
S.S. AMERICA MARU	6,000	"

For Particulars apply to

N. YAMADA, Acting Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

THOS. COOK & SON, TOURIST, STEAMSHIP & FORWARDING AGENTS, BANKERS, &c.

CHIEF OFFICE:—LUDGATE CIRCUS, LONDON, E.C.
TICKETS TO EUROPE by the principal STEAMSHIP LINES and TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

TOURS arranged to ALL PARTS of the WORLD.
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FOREIGN MONIES exchanged.

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HONGKONG.

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YOKOHAMA

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS to COLOMBO	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due LONDON (London 1 day later)
ARCADIA 7000	February 5	MANTUA 11000	March 5	March 11
ASSAYE 7500	February 19	PERSIA 7951	March 19	March 25
DELTA 8000	March 5	MALWA 11000	April 2	April 8
MACEDONIA 10500	March 19	(Through Steamer calling at Bombay)	April 16	April 22
DEVANHA 8000	April 2	MONGOLIA 10500	April 30	May 6
ASSAYE 8000	April 16	MARMORA 10500	May 14	May 20
DELTA 7500	April 30	MOREA 11000	May 28	June 3
DELHI 8000	May 14	MOULTAN 10000	June 12	June 18

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax):
1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE £126.14 RETURN.
2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

In addition to the above "Mail Steamers" the following INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transshipment) STEAMERS

LONDON.

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Due LONDON
SYRIA	about	about
SUMATRA	January	26 March
NYANZA	February	9 March
SUNDA	February	23 April
NILE	March	23 May
SARDINIA	April	20 June
NORE	May	18 July

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES

FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax):
1st SALOON £55.0 SINGLE £82.10 RETURN.
2nd " £33.10 " £57.4 "

* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

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E. A. HEWETT,
SUPERINTENDENT.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Connecting at TACOMA with

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND PUGET SOUND RAILWAY

AND

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY.

(The only direct train service, without transshipment, also shortest and fastest route, from the Pacific Coast to Chicago). Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the U.S.A. and Canada, also to the principal ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

FOR	STEAMERS	Tons (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
TACOMA via MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"SEATTLE MARU" Capt. T. Saito, "CHICAGO MARU" Capt. —	6,182	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon. WED'DAY, 23rd Feb., at Noon.

The Co.'s Newly-Built Steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for storage. Rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards Express connection.

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS & FORMOSA SERVICE

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOI & FOOCHOW	"CHOSHUN MARU" Capt. T. SURUGA	THURSDAY, 13th Jan., at Daylight
TAMSHUI via SWATOW, & AMOI	"DAIGI MARU" Capt. M. MURAYAMA	SUNDAY, 16th Jan., at 10 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW, & AMOI	"SOBUH MARU" Capt. K. SUGI	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at 8 A.M.

Fair Speed. Superior Passenger Accommodation. Electric Light throughout. First Class Cuisine. The Newly-Built Steamers: "CHOSHUN MARU" and "BOJUN MARU" have First Class Cabins AMIDSHIP.

For information of Freight, Passengers, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

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T. ARIMA,
MANAGER

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 11th to 17th, 1910.

Date	High Water.			Low Water.		
	Time	Height	Direction	Time	Height	Direction
Jan. 11	10 10	4.2	W	4 10	0.8	E
Jan. 12	11 20	4.2	W	5 20	0.8	E
Jan. 13	12 30	4.2	W	6 30	0.8	E
Jan. 14	1 40	4.2	W	7 40	0.8	E
Jan. 15	2 50	4.2	W	8 50	0.8	E
Jan. 16	4 00	4.2	W	10 00	0.8	E
Jan. 17	5 10	4.2	W	11 10	0.8	E

MITSU BISHI GOSHI KWAISHA.

(MITSU BISHI CO.)

COAL DEPARTMENT.

SOLE PROPRIETORS OF TAKASIMA
OCHI MUTABE, HOJO, NAMAZAWA,
SATO, SHINNEW and KAMIYAMADA,
Collectors.

SOLE AGENTS FOR
KISHIDAKE, MIYAO and KIGYO
KOMATSU Coals.

HEAD OFFICE:—MARUNOUCHI,
TOKYO.

BRANCH OFFICES:—NAGASAKI,
MOJI, KARATSU, WAKAMATSU,
KOBE, OSAKA, SHANGHAI,
HONGKONG, HANKOW.

Cable addresses for above: "IWASAKI"
Codes, A1, ABC 5th Ed., Western Union.

AGENCIES:—
YOKOHAMA: M. ARADA, Esq.
CHINKIANG: Messrs. GRADING & Co.
MANILA: Messrs. MACDONALD & Co.

For Particulars apply to
H. OISHI,
Manager.

No. 2, Pedder Street, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1909.

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HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	ft.	in.
Tues.	11.	h. m.	4	h. m.	ft.	in.	
		10 10 19	4 2	3 13	3	13	
Wed.	13.	h. m.	4	h. m.	2	15 1/2	
		8 42 2	4 2	4 42 2	2	15 1/2	
Thurs.	13.	h. m.	4	h. m.	2	14 1/2	
		11 40	4 4	2 41 1/2	2	14 1/2	
Fri.	14.	h. m.	4	h. m.	5	50	
		10 10 10	4 3	5 50	5	50	
Sat.	15.	h. m.	4	h. m.	4	47 1/2	
		10 33	4 3	4 47 1/2	4	47 1/2	
Sun.	16.	h. m.	4	h. m.	6	10	
		11 50	4 5	6 10	6	10	
Mon.	17.	h. m.	4	h. m.	7	23	
		2 9	4 6	7 23	7	23	
		1 26 1/2	4 6	8 11	8	11	
			4 6	7 51 1/2	7	51 1/2	

EX S.S. "BRASILIA."

NEW SAMPLES OF
PIECEGOODS. SOCKS. SINGLET
AND PERFUMERY.

FOR INSPECTION INVITES:

HUGO C. A. FROMM,

HONGKONG: 4, QUEEN'S BUILDING. TELEPHONE 960.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

Mails from EUROPE via SIBERIA—

Date of Despatch from London.	Date due in Hongkong.	Vessels.
22nd December.	To-day.	Buclov.

Postal Guides for the Year 1910, are now on sale ... 50 cents each.

The Siberian mail will in future be sent from Shanghai to Dalny via Chelof. If no steamer is available from Shanghai to Dalny direct.

The P. E. Friedrich, with the German mail of the 15th ult., left Singapore on Saturday the 8th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at noon.

FOR	PER	DATE.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan ...	Tuesday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Carnarvonshire ...	Tuesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore	Idomeneus ...	Tuesday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Bentvorch ...	Tuesday, 11th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai ...	Tuesday, 11th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Taming ...	Tuesday, 11th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy and Shanghai	Hunan ...	Tuesday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Tsingtau, Weihaiwei and Chelof	Nanchang ...	Tuesday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Colombo and Bombay	Tosa Maru ...	Tuesday, 11th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Fosang ...	Wednesday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Edman ...	Wednesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Hazel Dollar ...	Wednesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	Typanna ...	Wednesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tutcorin (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Buclov ...	Wednesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Macao	Sui Tai ...	Wednesday, 12th, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	Choshan Maru ...	Wednesday, 12th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai ...	Thursday, 13th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Gregory Apsar ...	Thursday, 13th, 2.00 P.M.
Zamboanga, Cebu and Iloilo	Kaifong ...	Thursday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chenan ...	Thursday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Trayang ...	Friday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Capri ...	Friday, 14th, 10.00 A.M.

EXTRACT FROM

"THE LANCET"

28th FEBRUARY, 1908.

REGARDING

JOHNSTONE'S M.P.

PURE MALT WHISKIES.

WILLIAM GRANT & SONS, LTD., THE GLASGOW DISTILLERS, DUFFTOWN, N.B.

"Our analyses of these Whiskies indicate that the statements made in regard to them are honest—that is to say, that they are Pure Malt Whiskies distilled in the Pot Still. Moreover, the evidence of the palate is in favour of the statement that they are fully matured. The flavour, while malty and rich, is 'soft.' A feature in the analytical results was the amount of Ethere. The amount of Ethere represents a maximum quantity for Whisky. It may be remarked also that addition of these Whiskies was practically nil. These Whiskies are well adapted for SPECIAL DIETETIC PURPOSES."

OBTAINABLE AT ALL THE WINE MERCHANTS.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

TO-DAY.

5.15 P.M.—Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society in City Hall.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, 12th Jan.—Auction of Booths and Mats, on the Spot, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.

Thursday, 13th Jan.—Prize distribution by H. E. the Governor at Bellios Public school.

Saturday, 15th Jan.—Extraordinary General Meeting, The China Light & Power Co., Ltd.

Monday, 17th Jan.—Auction of Crown Land, Public Works Dept.

Monday, 17th Jan.—Hongkong A.D.C. present "The Tormentor" at the Theatre.

Tuesday, 25th Jan.—Twenty-Second Ordinary Meeting, of The West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Tuesday, 25th Jan.—Twenty-Second Ordinary Meeting, of The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

Friday, 28th Jan.—Volunteer Ball.

Thursday, 10th Feb.—China New Year.

Monday, 14th Feb.—King Alfred Dance, City Hall.

Tuesday, 15th Feb.—Hongkong Jockey Club Races begin.

OPIUM.

January 10th.

Malwa New	\$1,400/1,450 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$1,440/1,450 "
Malwa Older	\$1,460/1,470 "
Malwa V. Old	\$1,480/1,500 "
Persian fine quality	\$1,100/1,200 "
Persian extra fine	\$1,250/1,300 "
Patna New	\$1,625 per chest.
Patna Old	\$1,605 "
Beauvais New	\$1,635 "
Beauvais Old	"

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 10th.

ON LONDON—	Telegraphic Transfer	100
Bank Bills, on demand	100	100
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	100	100
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	100	100
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight	100	100
Documentary Bills, at 30 days' sight	100	100
ON PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand	225
Credits, at 4 months' sight	225	225
ON GERMANY—	On demand	162 1/2
ON NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, on demand	43 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	44 1/2	44 1/2
ON BOMBAY—	Telegraphic Transfer	133
Bank, on demand	133 1/2	133 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—	Telegraphic Transfer	133
Bank, on demand	133 1/2	133 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—	Bank, at sight	74 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA—	On demand	87 1/2
ON MANILA—	On demand	88
ON SINGAPORE—	On demand	75 1/2
ON BATAVIA—	On demand	107 1/2
ON HAITONG—	On demand	7 1/2
ON SAIGON—	On demand	7 1/2
ON HONGKONG—	On demand	80 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.20	\$11.20
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per oz.	\$58.40	\$58.40
SILVER, per oz.	24 1/2	24 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	per cent
Chinese	10	\$8.05
Hongkong	20	\$6.50
Hongkong	10	\$7.15

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 10th, 1910.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$1,000, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$65, buyers
Bank of Communications, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Bank, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$12, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$6, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.50, sellers
COTTON MILLS—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 145
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$6.10
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 73
Loon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 425
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$15 1/2, sellers
DOCKERS AND WHARVES—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$61, sellers
Hongkong Wharves and Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$50, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	\$63	\$9, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 72 1/2, x.d.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 130
ENWICK & CO., LIMITED	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$21, sales
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$20, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$77 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$180, sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$23, sellers
INSURANCES—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$145
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$118
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$72, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$70, sellers
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$215	\$100	\$900, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$60	\$230
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$230
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$102, sales
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$84, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$10	\$50, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 119
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
MINING—				
Societe Francaise des Charb. ges du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Haub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$21	13/10	\$6, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$13 1/2, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$9 1/2, buyers
REFINERIES—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$158, sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$21, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$3, sellers
Donghai Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$3, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Amoy S.S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$15	\$15	\$3, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$25	\$25	\$42 1/2, L/don
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	23,000	\$10	\$10	\$20 1/2, L/don
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$10
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$10
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$5
STORES AND DISPENSARIES—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$7, sellers
Wm. Powell, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, sellers
Watkins, Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$12 1/2, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	9,900	\$10	\$10	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	100	\$10	\$10	\$10
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$10
RUBBERS—				
Balgownie	—	—	—	\$82 1/2 (Sta.)
Pagala	—	—	—	\$22 1/2
Ragalla	—	—	—	\$25
Anglo-Malays	—	—	—	17/-, sales
Castellfields, fully paid	—	—	—	\$7.6, sales
Consolidated Malays	—	—	—	136/-, sales
Damansara	—	—	—	76/-, buyers
Highlands and Lowlands	—	—	—	3/6 prem.
Kamunings	—	—	—	135/-
Kuala Lumpur	—	—	—	58/-, sellers
Leedbury	—	—	—	18/-
Enggrie	—	—	—	25/-, buyers
Sapong	—	—	—	35/-, sellers
Shelford	—	—	—	77 1/2, sales
Sungei-Kapars	—	—	—	—
Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1896	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

VERNON & SMYTH, Share-Brokers.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "NERA,"
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S. "Dordogne" from Harro ex S.S. "Dordogne," from Bordeaux ex S.S. "P. Leroy Lallier" and "Ville de Cetta" in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Treasures and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the hazardous and or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 11th inst., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 11th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. THOMAS,
Agent.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1910. [2]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DEVANHA,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex S.S. "Montana,"
From Calcutta, ex S.S. "Sardinia,"
From Persian Gulf, ex S.S. "S. N. and E. P. S. N. Co.'s Steamer."

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 12th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1910. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO',
HULL, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENLEARN"

Capt. Houghton, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at 3 P.M.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1910. [143]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"COBLENZ"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th Jan. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st Jan., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 25th Jan., or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1910. [5]

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED

Per Yuenang, from Manila, Messrs Cipriani Bayard, E. Fescher, Lester L. Smyth, Clinton A. Train, C. Scott and E. H. Toet.

Per Zepher, from Manila, Mr and Mrs A. H. Gladstone, Mr and Mrs MacDonald and child, Mr and Mrs Hagenhopes and 3 children, Mr and Mrs W. W. Guthrie, Dr. and Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs A. B. Smith, Mrs G. Shaw, Mrs C. I. Bayes, Mrs M. E. Avery, Mrs S. C. Fooks, Mrs S. Baker, Mrs H. O. Macdonald, Misses W. A. Fooks, Mrs B. Small, Esberg, P. D